

Department of Health

Department Description

The Columbus Health Department protects, promotes and monitors the health of the public by:

- Providing preventive, clinical, environmental, community and home-based services
- Establishing policy to address health issues and emerging health threats
- Assuring compliance with public health laws and regulations

The Department is governed by a five-member Board of Health.

Department Mission

The Columbus Health Department is a leader in improving the health and safety of Columbus by monitoring community health status, identifying and addressing public health threats, enforcing laws that protect the public's health, and providing services to prevent and control disease.

Strategic Priorities for 2006

From the Columbus Covenant:

Neighborhoods

- Clinical Services – Continue to provide high quality clinical services for children and families including dental, perinatal, sexual health and immunization services. Staff will continue an emphasis on reducing barriers to service including translation and evening hours. The department will also continue to work with groups such as Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. (CNHC) and Access Health Columbus (AHC) to provide primary care for as many as possible.
- Immigrant/Refugee Health Initiative - Provide increased public health services for immigrants and refugees including immunizations, prenatal care, tuberculosis testing and other services.
- Identify and secure the site for a new Westside health center and initiate the design phase of the project with construction expected in 2007.
- Neighborhood Collaboration – Continue to assess the health needs of Columbus overall as well as particular neighborhoods. Staff will also work with community residents to prioritize health issues and develop strategies to address them.
- Neighborhood Based Support – Staff nurses and social workers will continue their work through neighborhood pride centers and other venues to assist vulnerable residents. Their goal will be to protect their health and safety primarily by linking them to needed health and social services.

Health

- Address a wide range of health and safety issues within particular neighborhoods through the community-focused public health nursing corps.

Safety

- Continue departmental and community planning to prepare and respond to a range of disasters or emergencies, including bioterrorism and a potential avian influenza outbreak. Community leadership and staff training will continue in 2006 with an emphasis on providing the highest level of public health protection possible for all Columbus residents.

Education

- Coordinate with other city departments and agencies to enhance the safety of children near and around schools. A pilot project will be continued with a local elementary school to bring health and social services on site to serve students and their families beyond traditional school hours. The Health Department will also initiate programming to educate local school students about food safety. In addition, child care providers, parents, and other care givers will have the opportunity to learn about effective weight management through the healthy children, healthy weights initiative. The enhanced school inspection program will continue in 2006 along with collaborative efforts with Columbus Public School nurses to respond to children's pressing health needs.

Downtown Development

- Increase rodent control efforts in the downtown area, The Ohio State University area, and other areas experiencing rat problems.

Customer Service

- Plan for the renovation of the south dormitory, to support improved clinical operations and customer service.
- Utilize web technology for automated payments for various Health Department services (e.g. birth certificates, food service licenses).
- Develop a web based food establishment inspection reporting system.

Peak Performance

- The department will complete implementation of the clinical information system. The system enables greater efficiency in operations and maximizes third party billing capabilities.
- Align Health Department performance management system with the expanding citywide initiative.

2006 Budget Issues

- The 2006 budget for the Health Department allows continued provision of public health services that are mandated, services that meet the priorities contained within the Columbus Covenant and a variety of programs that the Board of Health deems essential.
- Sexual health, tuberculosis control, immunization and communicable disease surveillance are critical to the health and well being of the entire population of Columbus and will be continued in 2006.
- The 2006 budget provides continuation funding to the Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers (CNHC). The CNHC provides neighborhood-based primary health care services at five centers to residents unable to obtain these services elsewhere, due to low income, lack of insurance or lack of availability.
- The department continues to support the partnership with Access Health Columbus and other health care providers to address the issue of primary health care services in areas that are underserved, in an attempt to maximize services to the community.
- The department will continue to support compliance, education and response efforts related to the smoke-free indoor air ordinance. The department will maintain a hotline, provide education to businesses and the general public, and respond to complaints regarding non-compliant businesses and food service establishments.
- The department will continue to address increasing public health and community imperatives such as the potential avian influenza outbreak, the infectious disease early warning system, and youth violence reduction.
- The department will eliminate the contracts for Poison Control and the Capital Area Humane Society.
- Additional general fund resources in the amount of \$272,000 are provided for increased services to immigrants/refugees. The department has seen an increased demand from immigrant populations for immunizations, prenatal care, tuberculosis testing and other services. This funding will add 3 nurses, 1 social worker, 1 public health sanitarian, and interpreter service to improve services to health department customers by reducing waiting times and improving quality of care.
- Rodent control has become an increasing need, due to the increased level of demolition and construction, especially in the downtown area. \$192,000 is provided in 2006 to increase rodent control efforts in the downtown area, The Ohio State University area, as well as other areas experiencing rat problems. Funding will add 2 public health sanitarians and 3 sanitarian aides as well as education, enforcement, and abatement services.

- Funding in the amount of \$136,000 is provided for a City of Columbus emergency preparedness program, to assure adequate preparedness as well as effective response and recovery in the event of a public health emergency or crises. City financial support will ensure that local preparedness efforts are emphasized. One public health nurse and one epidemiologist will assist in the development and implementation of the emergency preparedness program.

Budget and Performance Measure Summary

DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Original Appropriation	2005 Estimated Expenditures	2006 Proposed
Health	\$ 24,670,863	\$ 23,150,986	\$ 25,016,467	\$ 23,976,346	\$ 26,833,389
TOTAL	\$ 24,670,863	\$ 23,150,986	\$ 25,016,467	\$ 23,976,346	\$ 26,833,389

DIVISION SUMMARY BY CHARACTER					
HEALTH SPECIAL REVENUE EXPENDITURES SUMMARY	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Original Appropriation	2005 Estimated Expenditures	2006 Proposed
Personnel	\$ 14,620,846	\$ 13,332,953	\$ 14,249,932	\$ 13,759,236	\$ 15,541,394
Materials & Supplies	614,803	570,708	508,250	508,250	555,773
Services	9,017,035	8,770,522	9,412,737	9,215,846	9,836,687
Other Disbursements	19,419	10,562	6,100	11,855	6,100
Capital	-	-	-	-	35,000
Transfers	70,000	180,000	523,000	180,000	523,000
TOTAL	\$ 24,342,103	\$ 22,864,745	\$ 24,700,019	\$ 23,675,187	\$ 26,497,954
CDBG EXPENDITURES SUMMARY	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Original Appropriation	2005 Estimated Expenditures	2006 Proposed
Personnel	\$ 313,071	\$ 279,119	\$ 316,448	\$ 301,159	\$ 335,435
Materials & Supplies	2,355	805	-	-	-
Services	13,334	6,317	-	-	-
Capital	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 328,760	\$ 286,241	\$ 316,448	\$ 301,159	\$ 335,435

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY BY FUND					
FUND SUMMARY	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Original Appropriation	2005 Estimated Expenditures	2006 Proposed
Health Special Revenue	\$ 24,342,103	\$ 22,864,745	\$ 24,700,019	\$ 23,675,187	\$ 26,497,954
Community Dev. Block Grant	328,760	286,241	316,448	301,159	335,435
TOTAL	\$ 24,670,863	\$ 23,150,986	\$ 25,016,467	\$ 23,976,346	\$ 26,833,389

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SUMMARY					
DIVISION	FT/PT*	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Budgeted	2006 Budgeted
Health	FT	221	196	216	230
	PT	46	29	48	58
Community Dev. Block Grant	FT	7	5	6	6
	PT	0	1	0	0
TOTAL		274	231	270	294
*FT=Full-Time PT=Part-Time					

Health					
Program:	Community Dental Services			2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To provide basic and preventive dental services to Franklin County families who are unable to access dental services due to cost.			Expenditures	
				Full-Time	
				Part-Time	
				\$ 554,582	\$ 567,569
				6	6
				1	1
Mid-Year					
Program Measure:	2002	2003	2004	2005	Target
Number of broken or unfilled dental appointments	New	New	1,009	290	n/a
Percent of broken or unfilled dental appointments	New	New	18%	20%	<20%
Number of groups contacted for oral health presentations	New	New	9	7	15
Percent of groups scheduling an oral health presentation	New	New	100%	100%	100%

Health					
Program:	Dental Sealants			2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To prevent tooth decay in children in low income families in Columbus.			\$ 201,035	\$ 219,911
	Expenditures				
	Full-Time			1	1
	Part-Time			5	5
Program Measure:	2002	2003	2004	Mid-Year 2005	Target
Number of children receiving dental sealants	New	New	2,382	n/a	n/a
Percent of eligible children receiving sealants	New	New	70%	n/a	70%
Number of dental sealants applied	New	New	328	n/a	n/a
Percent of dental sealants retained	New	New	91%	n/a	85%

Health					
Program:	Food Safety			2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To reduce the number of food borne illnesses in Columbus and Franklin County.			\$ 1,547,443	\$ 1,427,916
	Expenditures				
	Full-Time			21	21
	Part-Time			0	0
Program Measure:	2002	2003	2004	Mid-Year 2005	Target
Number of facilities with critical violations of Ohio food safety law	New	New	New	402	n/a
Percent of facilities with critical violations	New	New	New	11.20%	<20%
Percent of annual change in facilities with critical violations	New	New	New	New	New
Number of sanitarians	New	New	14	14	n/a
Number of facilities inspected	New	New	4,873	2,229	n/a
Number of inspections	New	New	10,931	3,905	n/a

Health					
Program:	Perinatal Program			2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To provide comprehensive perinatal services to improve the health of pregnant and post-partum women and their infants.			Expenditures	
				Full-Time	
				Part-Time	
				\$ 1,153,451	\$ 1,184,664
				15	13
				1	5
Program Measure:	2002	2003	2004	Mid-Year 2005	Target
Number of patients receiving care	New	New	712	924	n/a
Number of patients receiving care in the first trimester	New	New	461	529	n/a
Percent receiving care in the first trimester	New	New	65%	57%	60%
Average cost per patient for care	New	New	\$955.00	\$947.00	n/a
Number of women served by the Community Development Block Grant pregnancy support program	42	59	62	n/a	n/a

Health					
Program:	Public Health Standards			2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To provide direction for the monitoring and documenting of department and community health status regarding state and national public health standards.			Expenditures	
				Full-Time	
				Part-Time	
				\$ 174,284	\$ 196,498
				2	2
				0	0
Program Measure:	2002	2003	2004	Mid-Year 2005	Target
Number of managers interviewed	New	New	27	15	n/a
Percent of programs providing information for status measurement	New	New	87%	100%	100%
Number of programs completing quarterly surveys	New	New	14	14	16
Percent of programs improving measures	New	New	17%	n/a	25%

Health					
Program:	Vital Statistics			2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To register all births and deaths in Franklin County; to issue certified copies of birth and death certificates, to issue burial permits, and to process requests for birth and death certificates.			\$ 714,971	\$ 773,269
	Expenditures				
	Full-Time			11	11
	Part-Time			0	0
Program Measure:	2002	2003	2004	Mid-Year 2005	Target
Number of vital check orders processed	New	New	2,493	3,342	n/a
Number of birth and death certificates issued	New	New	64,124	70,364	n/a
Number of customers rating timeliness	New	New	354	202	n/a
Percentage of customers rating timeliness as good or excellent	New	New	85%	91%	95%
Number of customers rating quality	New	New	439	203	n/a

Health - Vital Statistics continued					
Program Measure:	2002	2003	2004	Mid-Year 2005	Target
Percentage of customers rating quality as good or excellent	New	New	92%	86%	95%
Number of customers rating courtesy and helpfulness of staff	New	New	446	203	n/a
Percentage of customers rating courtesy and helpfulness of staff as good or excellent	New	New	91%	86%	95%

Health					
Program:	Healthy Schools			2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To protect the health and safety of community school children through elimination of environmental hazards in school facilities.			\$ 128,396	\$ 121,175
	Expenditures				
	Full-Time			2	2
	Part-Time			0	0
Program Measure:	2002	2003	2004	Mid-Year 2005	Target
Number of schools receiving two scheduled environmental inspections	New	New	272	2	392
Percentage of schools receiving two scheduled environmental inspections	New	New	70%	4%	100%
Number of schools with one missed environmental inspection	New	New	120	234	0

Health - All Others				
Program:	Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers		2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To provide financial support in the form of a contract to the Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers, Inc. (CNHC) for the delivery of primary care services to citizens of Columbus, and to monitor and review the performance of CNHC, Inc. to ensure compliance with contract provisions.	Expenditures	\$ 5,585,329	\$ 5,559,582
		Full-Time	2	2
		Part-Time	1	1
Program:	Occupational Health and Safety			
Program Mission:	To identify workplace hazards in city divisions and facilities, evaluate the identified hazards and implement strategies to control them, and develop employee exposure monitoring requirements and written programs for specified OSHA standards.	Expenditures	\$ 352,260	\$ 371,444
		Full-Time	3	3
		Part-Time	0	0
Program:	Health Administration			
Program Mission:	To provide leadership and direction for the department and to provide related administrative and clerical functions in the areas of fiscal, human resources, information systems, and facilities management.	Expenditures	\$ 4,666,431	\$ 5,322,491
		Full-Time	35	39
		Part-Time	1	2
Program:	Employee Assistance Program			
Program Mission:	To provide voluntary, confidential, professional and short-term counseling to city employees and their families experiencing personal problems that affect their job performance; to make referrals to community resources if appropriate, and to provide education and training on related topics.	Expenditures	\$ 344,120	\$ 364,690
		Full-Time	5	5
		Part-Time	0	0

Health - All Others continued				
Program:	Community Health Administration		2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the community health division and to provide staff development services department-wide.	Expenditures	\$ 785,069	\$ 637,299
		Full-Time	12	8
		Part-Time	0	0
Program:	Community Health			
Program Mission:	To assist individuals in identifying opportunities for health improvement and provide linkage to other health and community agencies.	Expenditures	\$ 1,089,435	\$ 1,119,515
		Full-Time	15	15
		Part-Time	2	2
Program:	Alcohol and Drug Abuse			
Program Mission:	To provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education services to Columbus residents, the courts, and EAP referred clients in a clinic setting, and to provide education and prevention services to students in public schools.	Expenditures	\$ 391,531	\$ 417,274
		Full-Time	3	4
		Part-Time	1	0
Program:	MCH Home Visiting			
Program Mission:	To provide interdisciplinary home visits (public health, social worker, paraprofessional) for the assessment of health status, home environment, parenting skills and social support; to provide education and training to families; and to make linkages with community resources.	Expenditures	\$ 650,378	\$ 672,483
		Full-Time	9	8
		Part-Time	3	3

Health - All Others continued					
Program:	Injury Prevention		2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget	
Program Mission:	To attempt to reduce death and preventable injuries to children 14 and under by developing public awareness and education programs, and to advocate for more comprehensive public policy regarding safety issues.	Expenditures	\$ 74,276	\$ 70,176	
		Full-Time	1	1	
		Part-Time	0	1	
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Program:	Infectious Disease Administration				
Program Mission:	To provide the administration and clerical support for the infectious disease division.	Expenditures	\$ 110,434	\$ 125,756	
		Full-Time	1	1	
		Part-Time	0	0	
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Program:	Sexual Health				
Program Mission:	To provide same-day comprehensive sexual medical care through clinic and neighborhood locations, to provide prevention, education, testing, diagnosis and treatment, and to perform HIV and STD planning, surveillance, research and community collaborations.	Expenditures	\$ 1,682,226	\$ 1,780,783	
		Full-Time	23	23	
		Part-Time	5	6	
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Program:	Immunization and Communicable Disease				
Program Mission:	To provide immunization services to residents of all ages, to provide outreach services and educate providers and parents to immunize against preventable disease, to provide prevention/control services through investigation and testing.	Expenditures	\$ 995,679	\$ 1,052,605	
		Full-Time	12	12	
		Part-Time	7	10	
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Health - All Others continued					
Program:	Laboratory Services		2005	2006	
			Appropriated	Budget	
Program Mission:	To provide laboratory services for the department.	Expenditures	\$ 498,843	\$ 512,598	
		Full-Time	4	4	
		Part-Time	0	0	
Program:	Planning and Preparedness Administration				
Program Mission:	To provide administrative and clerical support for the division.	Expenditures	\$ 107,043	\$ 248,938	
		Full-Time	1	3	
		Part-Time	0	1	
Program:	Health Promotion				
Program Mission:	To facilitate requests from the media, other agencies and individuals, to research and prepare reports, presentations and other written materials and to provide education, individual assessment and opportunities to participate in physical activity classes.	Expenditures	\$ 32,021	\$ 42,722	
		Full-Time	0	1	
		Part-Time	0	0	
Program:	Epidemiology				
Program Mission:	To conduct population-based assessments, surveillance and investigations of general or specific health-related issues through the collection or tabulation of a variety of data, and to analyze data using appropriate epidemiological and statistical techniques to determine the possible cause, nature, and consequences of health problems.	Expenditures	\$ 147,833	\$ 240,890	
		Full-Time	2	3	
		Part-Time	0	0	

Health - All Others continued				
Program:	Minority Health		2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To create, implement and coordinate a plan for effective and efficient communication between CHD staff and customers with limited English proficiency or hearing impairments, and to assess data collection within the department in regard to racial and ethnic minorities, providing input on their needs in the development of policies, programs, and allocation of resources.	Expenditures	\$ 374,459	\$ 747,742
		Full-Time	2	8
		Part-Time	0	0
Program:	Environmental Health Administration			
Program Mission:	To provide the administrative and clerical support functions for the division.	Expenditures	\$ 546,475	\$ 619,032
		Full-Time	7	8
		Part-Time	4	4
Program:	Vector Control			
Program Mission:	To monitor and control mosquito populations in Columbus through counts, treatment and environmental control.	Expenditures	\$ 169,734	\$ 201,731
		Full-Time	1	1
		Part-Time	14	15
Program:	Dangerous Animal and Rabies			
Program Mission:	To conduct animal investigations for all bites and dangerous animals, and to conduct seven rabies clinics annually.	Expenditures	\$ 171,957	\$ 414,057
		Full-Time	2	7
		Part-Time	0	0

Health - All Others continued					
Program:	Hazardous Waste/Chemical Hazards		2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget	
Program Mission:	To provide inspections for hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, etc., to monitor compliance with various rules and regulations, and to act as a clearinghouse for information about chemical hazards to be used by various organizations such as the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency.	Expenditures	\$ 534,899	\$ 434,524	
		Full-Time	6	6	
		Part-Time	0	0	
Program:	Lead Poisoning and Indoor Air				
Program Mission:	To evaluate and reduce lead poisoning among Columbus children aged 6 months to 6 years through screening, inspection, and public information.	Expenditures	\$ 577,824	\$ 601,734	
		Full-Time	8	8	
		Part-Time	0	0	
Program:	Environmental Health Promotion				
Program Mission:	To provide community environmental education and outreach efforts.	Expenditures	\$ 314,575	\$ 431,162	
		Full-Time	5	5	
		Part-Time	0	0	
Program:	Water Protection				
Program Mission:	To inspect all licensed swimming pools and spas, respond to citizens' complaints, and conduct surveys and seminars for pool operators as needed.	Expenditures	\$ 289,513	\$ 298,655	
		Full-Time	4	4	
		Part-Time	3	2	

Health - All Others continued				
Program:	AIDS Housing		2005 Appropriated	2006 Budget
Program Mission:	To promote community project sponsors with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the array of housing needs of low income persons infected with HIV/AIDS and related diseases.	Expenditures	\$ 49,961	\$ 54,504
		Full-Time	1	1
		Part-Time	0	0
